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SHOOTING OF GERMAN MISSIONARY PALM

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This copy of letter and enclosures from the Deputy Asst Adjutant and Q.M.G. From enclosures little doubt Palm was performing military or semi-military duties at the time.

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Mr. J. Anderson.

See 2nd page of one: .
He belonged to the same sect as
Brother Booth + Chamberlain.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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No. 647.

August 27th, 1915.

Sir,

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D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
with encls.
18-8-15

With reference to your despatch No. 482 of 1st ultimo and my telegram No. 297 of 23rd instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master General, with enclosures, respecting the shooting of a German Missionary named Palm.

2. From the enclosures there appears to be little doubt that Palm was performing military or semi-military duties at the time, and that had Sergeant Greenslade not fired when he did, his own life would have been in danger.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway Bevis

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S. W.

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INCLOSURE

In Dispatch No. 647 of August 27th 1915.

No. 991/8.

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Command Head-Quarters,
E.E.A. and Uganda,
Nairobi,
18th August, 1915.

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From

The Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master General,
Command Head-Quarters.

Sir,

With reference to your No.S.12463/3
dated the 30th July, 1915, I have the honour

to report from

Major C.J. ROSS, D.S.O. to forward the marginally noted copies of
Statement of evidence-correspondence, (in duplicate), relative to
the shooting of the late German Missionary

translations (copies)
of all captured
correspondence deal-
ing with the late
Missionary Palm of
the German Forces.

the shooting of the late German Missionary
Palm.

2. Brig. General Stewart, Commanding the
Nairobi Area, states that, at the time, he
made enquiries into the circumstances under
which Missionary Palm was killed, and Major
Ross reported to him then as he has written
now.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

sd. C. F. DOBES, Major

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

To

The Hon. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. E.E.A.
Nairobi.

Eldama Ravine,
East Africa Protectorate,
9th August 1915.

To:-

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His Excellency Sir H. Genway Belfield, K.C.M.G.,

Governor East Africa Protectorate.

Your Excellency,

With reference to the enclosed correspondence, I have the honor to forward the following report:-

I attacked SHIRATI, German East Africa with my Corps of Scouts on the morning of the 28th November 1914, at 5/30 a.m., I surrounded a group of buildings about two miles EAST of Shirati. I heard a shot fired near one of the buildings and arrived at the place where the shot was fired shortly afterwards and found a badly wounded German who had died in a few minutes. Sergeant Greenslade stated to me that on approaching this hut he saw a man sitting at table, evidently at breakfast. As soon as the man saw Sergeant Greenslade he grabbed at a rifle which was leaning against the table to his right. As the German grasped the rifle Sergeant Greenslade fired and shot him in the left side. I, at once examined the German's rifle; there was a clip with five cartridges in the rifle and lying on the table were fifteen more cartridges. I still have the rifle and cartridges in my possession.

I had the dead German buried on the premises.

On making enquiries, I found that this group of buildings is a Mission of the Seventh Day Adventists. On searching the premises I was unable to find any Bible or prayer books or any symbol of worship whatever to show that it was a Mission.

From information received I am able to state that all single Seventh Day Adventists are called upon to serve and were at that time actually serving, and from papers found on the person of the deceased it was found that he was sending military information to the Commandant of that District.

From Native information he (the Missionary) was in Command of the Shirati patrol.

The above letters were forwarded by me to Mr. Wocanam and can now be found at the Intelligence Department on the file.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellencys

Obedient servant,

(sd). C. J. Ross, Major. D.S.O.

On the 28th November 1914 I was in Command of the right flanking party when Ross' Scouts surrounded a group of buildings two miles east of Shirati, German East Africa.

At about 7/00 a.m., or 7/30 a.m., I joined Major Ross and found that a German had been killed. Sergeant Greenslade made the following statement:-

As he approached a hut he saw a white man evidently having breakfast. As soon as this man saw Sergeant Greenslade he grabbed at a rifle which was leaning against the table to his right, as the German grasped the rifle Sergeant Greenslade fired and shot the German in the left side. The rifle had five cartridges in it and fifteen more were lying on the table.

We found out later that these were Mission buildings but we were unable to find anything in the way of prayer books, etc., to show that it was a Mission.

The Natives stated that this man was in Command of the Shirati Patrol.

Kidana Ravine.
8/4/1915.

(Sd). H.R. Payzant, Captain.
Late Lieutenant Ross' Scouts.

Ref/1293/46.

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To:-

The Brigade Major,
Nairobi Area.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith, as requested by you, translations of all captured correspondence dealing with the late Missionary PALK of the German Forces, who was killed in action on the 28th November 1914.

In a report dated the 28th November 1914 Major C.J. ROSS states:-

"Thence I went to the Mission Station, Utimbaru, where I found the Missionary Mr. BONAGHT and his Wife in residence. I learn that there are two Missionaries just SOUTH of the KARA River who are fighting against us. These two Missionaries visit UTIMBARU MISSION regularly and thus spread information about us".

In a report dated 29th November 1914, Major C.J. ROSS states:

I have the honor to report that I left here with 1 Officer and 16 men at 6/15 a.m., on the 27th instant and marched about 16 miles along the border and then turned S.E.W., into German Territory. At about 6/00 p.m., I heard from Natives that 5 Germans and 20 Askaris had left Shirati going East two days previously. I bivouaced at 7/00 p.m., about 12 miles E.N.E. of Shirati. At 4/00 a.m., on the 28th I started and at 6/30 a.m., surrounded the Mission Buildings three miles E by S.E., of Shirati. Here the Leader of the advanced guard encountered an armed German and shot him. This German was a man who has been reported as intimidating the Natives on both sides of the border. He had also ordered them all to come into Shirati and pay hut tax on the day of our arrival".

Mr. Bernath, The German Missionary taken from UTIMBARU Mission and interned at KAIMOSI, may be able to give you all the

information you require concerning the late Mr Palm.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T.S.

(84). H.F. Seth Smith, Captain.
Intelligence Officer, Nairobi Area.

Shirati,
19th November 1914.

Dear Brother Dominik,

Received window with many thanks. I am sending a letter today to Brother Omas, and request that the same should be sent on. Have not got any money.

Kind regards to you and Brother Freihaus.

(Signed). Palm.

Dear Brother Palm,

The two letters received just now at 12/3 o'clock at the Fibre. The letter to Maysta I am going to send to Brother Bruchaus, Nyabansi, to be forwarded. Do not spend so much money or you will have to eat bricks in the end. Kind regards.

(Signed). H. Dominik.

Shirati,
28th November 1914.
or 27th (undecipherable).

To:-

The C. O. of the Masema-Shirati District.
(Lieutenant Shultz).

The undersigned reports himself voluntarily for military service GMS in this District and requests a reply.

Respectfully,

(Signed). H. Palm.

Dear Color Sergeant,

Will you be kind enough to grant my request and once more inform me how you dry meat and how you proceed when salting it? I shot game today and want to dry it. Also, would you be kind enough to let me have about 10-20 lbs salt. Many thanks beforehand.

Yours, etc.
(Signed) H. Palm.

Dear Mr. Paine,

The meat has to be cut in strips, rubbed in with salt and some weights put on so that the water draws off; the accumulating water to be thrown away. After 24 hours no more water will appear. After that rub in the meat once more with salt and hang it in a shady place to dry. The English have disappeared from MOMBASA. Biernath was in URIKA CAMP yesterday. Bark also went there this morning. Salt same post. Regards.

(signed). Lense.

No. 8

14 Field Company.

Mombasa, 11/8/1914.

With regard to the present position we are in, the following is ordered, in order to secure the safety of MOMBASA:-

(1). That at the point of the ~~junction~~ of MOMBASA, on the Hills, a Machine Gun and one European is to be placed.

The present School House should be the Guard Room in which will be 1 European and 3 Askaris who will be ready for any emergency.

(2). A patrol should go every night between the so-called house "Dwana Fundi" and the Magistrates House.

This guard will be changed every day at 12 noon.

Those on guard if suddenly attacked should act according to their own discretion whether to attack or retire.

(3). Coy Leader,
Chief Lieutenant.

No. 8

Mombasa, 24/8/1915.

To:-

The Imperial Officer i/o Mombasa.

Regt Field Coy to go with Native Warriors and the European party is ordered to force its way through UGALA into English Territory.

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About 50 Europeans, 400 Askaris and Native Warriors, and 1000 Porters. They will march out and will pass through GUTA-BUSHOWA a USIBITI and UTHOI.

I want you to collect outlay for slaughter at the three last named places. Marching out from GUTA will take place on the 28th August 1914. As many Dhows, canoes, etc., as possible will stand by to bring over the party to the Southern Bank of OSHIBITI.

Prepare to raise warriors by means of rewards of cattle.

(sd). PERONKE.

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No. G.

Mosuma, 16/8/1914.

To:-

The Officer Commanding, Shirati.

As picor, the Policeman, has informed me today on his arrival from KWANZA.

"All Reserves, Europeans and Askaris are to proceed to KWANZA Police Askaris are not to be placed with the fighting troops, except in the case of Natives rising when they may be used. Service for obtaining news along the border is to be carried out by every possible means. Re' food, this should be the last consideration.

If attack withdraw across the MARA towards MUSOMA. If this (the MARA) should be already in the enemy's possession withdraw to IKOMA via KWANZA. Endeavour to inform LAUTERBACH of your movements.

It would be useless to hold SHIRATI and MUSOMA, but KWANZA should be held at all costs.

Take great care of all documents at any cost, for fear they should fall into the enemy's hands. Endeavour to ensure that the enemy should fall into one enemy's hands.

It is better to know than rather than the enemy should get

held of them.

(24). Chief Coy Leader,
14th Mobile Column.

No. J.

Musoma, 12th August 1918.

14th F. S. Section.

To:-

The Chief Coy Leader, KWANZA.

Following my writing of the 8th instant I announce the following:-

I arrived in MUSOMA on the 10th at 10 p.m., and took over the troops.

Owing to the scarcity of Askaris and to the dangerous situation I have ordered in:-

Missionary.	BORNATH.	Landwehr Artilleryman.
Prospector.	ESSLER.	Under Officer in Reserve.
Missionary.	PALE.	Reservist.
Govt. Vet. Offr.	MEYER.	
Asst. ↑	RICHTER.	LANDSTURM.

From the other side I have called in:-

BECKER.	Lieutenant in Reserve.
BRODERSEN.	Under Officer in Reserve.
WALBERT.	Free under Officer.

Further there are two Policemen, names PEAR & LENZEN, and two Medical Corps Sgts names BRDEL & BRINAT.

Therefore we have at our disposal now 12 Europeans. Lieutenant IKEN of the Reserve could not be informed, but might be found in English Territory. I have sent Lieutenant BECKER of the Reserve today out to the NARA with these orders in writing:-

Under Officer BRODERSEN must go towards the boundary to try and meet with him. They both then will watch for me near the upper NARA, as a way for wagons to and from English Territory.

I have moreover specially instructed Lieutenant BECKER

hold of them.

(24). Chief Coy Leader,
14th Mobile Column.

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No. J.

Bassem, 18th August 1918.

14th F. C. Section.

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To:-

The Chief Coy Leader, MWANZA.

Following my writing of the 8th instant. I announce the following:-

I arrived in MUSOMA on the 10th at 10 p.m., and took over the troops.

Owing to the scarcity of Ambaris and to the dangerous situation I have ordered in:-

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| Missionary. | BORNATH. | Landwehr Artillerymen. |
| Prospector. | ESSELER. | Under Officer in Reserve. |
| Missionary. | FALM. | Reservist. |
| Govt. Vet. Offr. | MEYER. | |
| Asst. " | RICHTER. | LANDSTURM. |

From the other side I have called in:-

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| BROCKEN. | Lieutenant in Reserve. |
| BRODERSEN. | Under Officer in Reserve. |
| WEINERT. | Free under Officer. |

Further there are two Policemen, names FLOHR & LENZEN, and two Medical Corps Sgts names BRUEL & BRINNAT.

Therefore we have at our disposal now 12 Europeans. Lieutenant IKEN of the Reserve could not be informed, but might be found in English Territory. I have sent Lieutenant BECKER of the Reserve today out to the MARA with these orders in writing:-

Under Officer BRODERSEN must go towards the boundary to try and meet with him. They both then will watch for me near the upper MARA, as a way for wagons to and from English Territory.

I have moreover specially instructed Lieutenant BROCKEN

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to spread out his patrols more in the direction of KOGA, as this locality is well known to me and as it is visited a great deal by Wanderebe and Masai, and since it forms a convenient place for the English to attack, I have accordingly not paid much attention to the boundary in the SHIRATI - MUSOMA District.

By this opportunity I should like to point out that already in 1910/1911 when the Political situation in Europe was strained it was decided by a meeting of Volunteers in Nairobi that in the event of war at Home, with or without the sanction of the English Government to march through the Masai to NWARUA through IKOMA.

One must not therefore forget that the plan then formed has not been lost sight of, moreover Magistrate GUNBERT when journeying through Nairobi had knowledge of this meeting.

I further intend to proceed to SHIRATI when I expect to meet at least 4 of the Europeans already called in. I intend to station 1 European between the Lake and ISSURIA. Further to take utmost possible control of the Lake between the frontier and MAJITA. Also to occupy SHIRATI & MUSOMA with my auxiliaries at hand. I am taking steps to obtain news from the English Territory (by word of mouth from Natives only - means of newspapers). According to an announcement just received from Policeman LEBERN from SHIRATI, the border appears to be everywhere quiet. Other news from him not to hand.

At the moment we have at our disposal the following:-

18 Police and 10 Askaris.

Of these 5 only have carbines. Every other man enlisted therefore has no rifle.

Bayonets, knapsacks, water bottles and ammunition pouches could not be given to these Askaris as they were not to hand.

Moreover the Europeans who possess rifles of the '88 and '98 pattern have no ammunition. There are also 4500 rounds of the '71 make.

I ask you urgently to send 20 rifles of the '71 model, five rifles of the '88 and '98 pattern, and also for these latter

1000 rounds, 20 bayonets and 20 pouches.

(2d) Chief Lieutenant of Reserve.

No. 1.

IKOMA, 14/8/1914.

To:-

Chief Government Offr. MUSOMA.

From:-

Chief Lieutenant SCHULLY.

I have received your communication through SWANZA. IKOMA has 55 Askaris and two Europeans, whom I expect will be increased by about 5 more. The place is well provisioned as well as being well supplied with ammunition. The place is very strongly fortified and has no rifles in it. Scouts are on the upper NARA and KOSABERS.

It would be most important for our attack to obtain Agents for spying. Those most likely to help us would come from SHIRATI District to whom much cattle would be given as Buhama. I want you to inform the Chiefs to send in all useful information and also to IKOMA.

This morning the following Englishmen were marched out of MUSOMA.

Fitzgerald (whom I would like you to watch).

Loder.

Garr.

Houree.

Redman.

Gardner & Le Roux.

They are all on parole in respect to what they have seen here and in anything that it behoves them to be silent.

Moreover in any military

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preparations which have been carried on in KWAKKA-MUSOMA -
SHIRATI - IKOMA.

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(SD). Chief Lieutenant Schultz.

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Shirati,
17th August 1914.

1st Lieutenant Schultz.

Informing you that a man already left yesterday evening for Karungu, the same has a B as boy there and will eventually bring newspapers from there and so that it is possible for him to come to, an arrangement with the Mission itself, by word of mouth. I could not give anything in writing to the latter, as I am not very well up in the language.

He will sleep two days so that he will therefore be back the day after tomorrow.

As I have many acquaintances in English Territory I will try to send a Messenger to a German.

Yours etc.

(SD). H. Palm.